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MANUFACTURING UNITS FOR ORTHOPAEDIC AIDS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more manufacturing units for making orthopaedic aids like wheel-chairs, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that very old model and archaic wheel chairs and other equipments are still being produced in the country;

(d) if so, the steps taken to ensure that state-of-the-art orthopaedic aids and equipment are made in the country; and

(e) the steps taken to modernize this sector in the interest for the physically challenged persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a Public Sector Undertaking has no proposal to set up a new manufacturing unit.

(c) to (e) Wheelchairs and other assistive devices are produced by major manufacturers in the country, as per relevant Indian Standards(IS) prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Modernization is a continuous process which is achieved by manufacturers through interaction with the Institutes of Technology in the related field.